

13 June 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Proposed Letter from Chairman Rivers to Chairman Henderson Regarding S. 1035 (Constitutional Rights of Federal Employees)

1. In the afternoon of 12 June 1968, [] and I met with Mr. Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and showed him the attached draft. He said it was very good but too long and asked my suggestions for shortening it. I proposed deleting pages 2, 3, 4, 5, and the first part of page 6, substituting therefor the following:

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"I am sure you are aware of the necessity that CIA personnel be people of special competence, integrity and security consciousness. This is not only because of their responsibilities, but because we know that hostile intelligence services assign the highest priority to identifying and exploiting any vulnerabilities they may have. Over the years I have been particularly impressed by the high caliber of Agency personnel, and I think one of the Director's most important responsibilities is the preservation of these high personnel standards."

Mr. Blandford agreed.

2. Mr. Blandford suggested revising the closing paragraph on page 10 to read as follows:

"I would appreciate an early expression of your views on this important matter. I am sure it would be to our mutual interests to avoid a debate on the floor

where, I am confident, all, or nearly all of the members of my Committee, would undoubtedly have to oppose S. 1035 as it is now written."

3. At Mr. Blandford's request we took our draft with the above revisions to Philip Kelleher, of the Armed Services Committee staff, for rewrite accordingly. Mr. Blandford could not reach Chairman Rivers at the time but said he would take the matter up with the Chairman on the morning of 13 June 1968.

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